

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/749,037

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/18/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/11/2008.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Hung T Vy/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2163

1. This is a response to Applicant's amendment, the RCE filed on 03/18/2008 and the Terminal Disclaimer Filed on 07/09/2008. By virtue of this Applicant's amendment, claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24 are allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and /or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.3.12. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following claim has been amended upon agreement by applicant during a telephone conversation with Shun Yao on July 11, 2008.

In claim 1, line 21, the word "UML" has been changed to -- Unified Modeling Language (UML) --.

In claim 17, line 2, after the word "comprising:" , adding line --a processor; a memory;--.

Examiner's remarks

3. Examiner indicates that in the specification, the specification discloses "a computer system" (paragraph 0024). It is well know in the art that computer system includes the processor.

Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

With respect to claims 1, 9, and 17 none of the references of record teaches or suggests the claimed a computer implemented method and apparatus to facilitate merging different versions of a database object, comprising, along with all the other claimed feature, the first version of the database object and the second version of the database object include other objects that have been captured using UML and stored in the database during design time.

With respect to claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 18-20 and 22-24 are allowable by virtue of their dependencies of claims 1, 9, and 17.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung T. Vy whose telephone number is 571-2721954. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am - 5.30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571 272 1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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